

## COHPA / RW PART A

# PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, July 25th 2017

**Attendees:** Audrey Regan, Katie Kerr, Mary Roberts, Samyell Terry, Terry Theiss, Tonya Thurman, David Andrist, Kathie Sellers, Tanisha Pettus, Justin C., Dennis Collier, Francesca Schumann, Courtney Elrod, Lynn Kidd, Wynette Collins, Cory D'Ambrosio, Laurie Rickert, Val-Christopher T., Graig Cote, Caitlin Kapper, Stacy Herman, Jean Tidd, Noelle Arduini, Melissa Kuhn, Jane Russell, John Cassady, Tara Britton, Rachel Binting, Jess Hord, Emily Clark, Angel Pratt, Ivory Davolio, Myles Stickle, Eric Novak, Karla Elliott, Arielle Hieronimus, Colleen, Copenhagen, Michael Burnett, Sean Hubert, Jeneba Sillah, Brent Pendleton, Leah Bruck, Linda Laroche, Randi Aden, Dave Baker, Zineb Habroune, Brie Lusheck, Ivory Davolio, Michele Foster, Suban Egal, Kelsey Gallagher, Monica Turner, Ashely Wright, Tara Bradford, Tiera Decker, Jamey Potts, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Tonya Thurman, Julio Multeithia, John Cassady, Kevin Willis, Linda Wilson, Dr. Koletar, Jim Thal, Shae Ward, Caleb Robinson, Chelsea Varnum, Sie Sins, Brock Leonte

### **Meeting started at 12:30PM**

Co-Chair Francesca Schumann welcomed everyone and introduced Linda Laroche, CPH, who gave a tribute in memory of COHPA member, Rick Turner, who has been active in the HIV community since the beginning. There was a moment of silence and Linda encouraged others to share their thoughts.

Francesca asked everyone to introduce themselves by name and agency they work with.

### **Updates:**

**POZ updates:** Francesca reported on last week POZ meeting. She explained POZ Initiate purpose and was pleased to announce that POZ now has a banner that was proudly displayed during the Community Forum 7-20-17. Meeting minutes are attached. POZ members are also getting ready for the HRSA site-visit during the last week in August.

### **12: 45 Continuum of Care:**

**Primary Prevention:** David Andrist, COHPA Co-Chair, continued to facilitate the meeting by encouraging the HIV Prevention community that this is the time to let everyone know what great work is being done in the community.

Brent from Equitas Health spoke about the PrEP campaign in collaboration with CPH. There was a booth at Columbus PRIDE and other events.

Michael from CPH announced that the social media campaign will run through September, 2017. Wednesday, 8-9-17 from 10-3PM will be the next OCBG meeting at the State Library. During the OCBG meeting ODH asked each region to do a short presentation in regards to the reallocation funds and what PrEP messaging they conducted.

Dr. Koletar, OSU, announced that the PrEP study is open. ACUTE study is available as well.

Brent from Equitas Health also announced that the syringe exchange is going very well. They are seeing about 150 people per day. Equitas Health is partnering with Southeast, Inc and they are looking for a permanent home. They also received a \$50,000 grant from ODH.

Kathy from Equitas Health stated that they tested 69 individuals during PRIDE.

Ashley from AHF announced that 615 HIV tests were conducted at Columbus PRIDE. 3 individuals tested positive; 2 were newly diagnosed and 1 was a previous. For National HIV testing Day they conducted 29 tests; 1 person tested positive. During that event AHF raffled off Lady Gaga tickets.

Michael from CPH stated that they tested 65 individuals for STI's during PRIDE; 3 tested positive for Chlamydia and one person was positive for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea. During National HIV testing Day CPH collaborated with Walgreen; 11 individuals got screened, no HIV positive but 1 person tested positive for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea.

Dave Baker, Dave Baker Foundation, announced that he is collaborating with AHF for 2 events targeting black youth. First event they tested 45 individuals. The second event was on the Westside and they tested 35 individuals.

Samyell, CPH, announced that there will be testing at the upcoming 8-5-17 OHKY ball. CPH conducted testing and education at PRIDE. CPH will also offer testing at the Latino Festival the weekend of 8-12 and in addition on 8-12-17 CPH will offer testing and education at the African-American Male Wellness Walk.

Wynette Collins from FACES announced that they provided education at PRIDE and had a float in the parade. FACES partnered with Walgreens and Greater than AIDS for HIV National HIV Testing Day and tested at two stores one out west and one up north both days we tested 9. FACES will partner with ODH and Madison County health department on 8-5 offering screenings and with CPH, AHF at the AAMWW on 8-12. FACES partnered with AHF on 7-21 and had a program for Human trafficking in the Franklinton area offering an array of services HIV/STIs, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol and pregnancy. FACES is now testing at JDC offering HIV screening twice a month.

Michael, CPH, introduced Julio Multeithia as the new DIS to the CPH Community Service team. Julio's role will be to target testing in the transgender and gender non-conforming community.

**Linkage to Care:** CPH L2C: Mary Roberts announced that the program is going through process mapping and more info to come. In addition, the third cooking class has started 7-24 in collaboration with Local Matters. It is well attended. Please call 645-CARE to refer a client. The next class will start in October.

Brock from Equitas Health Project INK announced that they are restructuring the program as well. They hired 2 new staff members. More info to come.

#### **Retention in Care:**

Jean Tidd from Equitas Health announced that the Medical Case Managers are very busy. An average of 40-50 new individuals are being referred to MCM in a month. Equitas Health did hire 3 non-medical case managers and were able to transfer 38 cases to them.

Caitlin from CPH announced that FACES promoted Andrea Subler to a supervisor and her position will be posted. In addition, the quarterly CRUNCH meeting for the MCM system will be 8-4-17; Project

COCONUT is continuing; there will be a new MCM supervisor one-day training in the fall; CPH L2C is undergoing process mapping.

Kevin Willis from Success in Housing thanked everyone for their patience when making a referral. The program developed new forms and it is work in progress.

Miles from Equitas Health stated that there is a huge influx of referrals coming in for mental health. Therefore Equitas Health posted 3 new positions for Mental Health Providers: Central OH, Portsmouth and Dayton.

Dave Baker stated that he has been diagnosed in the 90's and his CD-4 count was 2 and a viral load of over 900,000. He was sent over to OSU Clinical Trials to participate in studies he qualified for. His viral load went down, and he has been undetectable for over 10+ years and his CD-4 count is over 500. He encourages everyone to get in care and stay in care.

### **Research:**

David Andrist updated the group on various OSU clinical trials, handouts laid out by the registration table. The ACUTE study still needs participants. Dr. Koletar thanked everyone for referrals and encouraged folks to keep referring individuals who we think might qualify.

### **Advocacy:**

Francesca spoke of the upcoming Healing Weekend. The weekend will be from August 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. She encouraged everyone to please donate if you can to the cause so participants can experience the weekend at a reduced cost. Please contact Francesca for more info.

She also announced Camp Lilac will be from 8-6 through 8-19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Their mission is to provide a safe, welcoming space for Trans youth to be themselves. If anyone likes to donate to this cause please contact Francesca.

Terry Theis encouraged folk to come or refer individuals to the POZ meetings. He also announced that he will attend Toledo's Unity Picnic. It is well attended and he has been going for the past 3 years.

Details of the Picnic:

Come celebrate the diversity of the Toledo LGBT community at the 3rd Annual Toledo Unity Picnic presented by the LGBT Historical Archives of Toledo.

FOOD & FUN, DJ, DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 RAFFLE, DJ Eric Swafford will be playing music all day!

Gates open at 12 noon with food served at 1:00 PM by Chef, Darrell Perkins.

Traditional picnic foods provided: Chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, macaroni salads, snacks, and soft drinks. Spoons, forks, knives, and napkins provided.

Please bring a dish to share, not items listed above.

\$10.00 per person at gate (cash only)

An adult event with alcohol allowed for legal age.

Dessert contest with prize awarded - Entries in by 1:00 PM Feel free to bring your tents, blankets, chairs, sun umbrellas, squirt guns and summer fun toys for a gay ole time!

NO PETS, GLASS CONTAINERS OR REFUNDS!

Dave Baker inquired about the next POZ meeting and dates were shared.

Colleen from VII shared that on 8-30-17 from 6:30 to 8:30PM at CPH VII in collaboration with Equitas Health is holding a Couch talk for the Latino community. Advocacy for your own health care and making the most out of your medical visit will be discussed.

Sheila Singleton introduced her staff: Zomo Dikitsas and Makayla. Their program is called MOZAIC (working under the umbrella of Equitas Health) and their targeted group is 13-29y old transgender, transgender non-conforming to link them to care. The Black International Film Festival will be MOZAIC first official attendance which is held 8-4 and 8-5-17. Everyone is invited.

Craig Cote from Equitas Health introduced himself as one of the non-medical case managers and encouraged folks to advocate for themselves and/or for their clients.

### **Administrative Updates:**

**Part A:** Sean Hubert stated that CPH is ready for August HRSA visit. POZ members can sit down with HRSA and have a working lunch meeting (lunch provided). Sean asked to please let him know if you would like to attend.

Congress movement on the ACA is an important issue for the RW funding. An innovation project is going on for the outpatient ambulatory services. A 3<sup>rd</sup> party subcontractor is conducting the project and they have experience with other RW Part A funders.

CPH L2C quality improvements project is happening as well (process mapping).

The finance committee will be called to action to look at the data, where the needs are within the 30 HRSA categories to present at a later COHPA meeting and need to vote on for the upcoming 2018 fiscal year.

CPH applied for an employment service grant through HRSA. The grant is for \$300,00 / 3 year grant and the purpose is for qualified individuals to receive employment services. In preparation for this grant CPH/RW Part A met with several community organizations and regardless of funding received or not, there were some great talks and opportunities to create partnerships to bring additional services to clientele.

Sean stated that no approval of the last meeting COHPA and/or POZ meeting notes is needed but inquired if anyone had questions. No questions were raised.

Caitlin from CPH presented on the EIS Service Standards. Questions were answered. Document was voted on, consensus received and therefore approved. Dave Baker stated that it is important to also target the young African-American youth not just necessarily the young African-American MSM youth.

**Part B:** Laurie Rickert reminded the group that in our last COHPA meeting questions were raised by Eddie Hamilton in regards to CVS pharmacy receiving the ODH contract for OH ADAP. Laurie shared that Eddie came to the advisory committee meeting and hopefully all his questions were answered. Laurie stated that the service date for CVS to start rolling out the new program was set for June 1<sup>st</sup> but was pushed back to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

July 1<sup>st</sup> ODH will conduct a pilot study lead by Tim to expand the formulary. Attached to these minutes is the exclusionary list that Laurie mentioned to be shared with our COHPA membership. HepC is still excluded but continue to work on getting meds on the approved list.

The Ohio Department of Health, on behalf of the Ryan White Part B program, Ryan White Part A programs and Ohio HIV Prevention program, is seeking applications for a 2017-2020 Ohio HIV Needs

Assessment. The Request for Proposal can be found at:

<https://procure.ohio.gov/proc/viewProcOpps.asp?opplD=13768>. The due date for applications is August 11, 2017. Please forward to interested parties.

Laurie also stated that the Steering Committee meeting in July was cancelled and the next meeting will be October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Combined Care meeting will be September 14<sup>th</sup>.

ODH went through some reorganization and Laurie is now overseeing OH ADAP and Prevention Services.

No update on CTR training. ODH received grant guidance from CDC and now they are working with Amanda to get more training for the testes in the near future.

**Part F:** Jane Russell announced that there is less funding for education within ACTU. She announced several trainings in the Cleveland Area. There will be the Transform Care conference in October held at the Blackwell Center.

**2:00PM Educational Presentation:**

Chelsea Varnum - It Takes a Village: Teen Sexual Health Programming at CPH

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:35PM**

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